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since she took on the CBS Evening News plus Eye to Eye.

"I watch her faithfully" on the news. Yes, they talk about it that night, "but for two years while she was home she used to talk a lot about my show." The couple will celebrate at dinner with friends and Povich's daughters.

Connie's on the News alone tonight, so Dan Rather won't have a chance to give her a birthday kiss. But he's sending a huge arrangement of lilies and orchids she'll adore.

FLASHES: The latest Kennedy tome is *Case Closed: Lee Harvey Oswald and the Assassination of JFK* by Gerald Posner, ex Wall-Street lawyer and investigative reporter (the 1986

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Mengele). Random House chief Harry Evans swears this book (complete with many diagrams) will forever close the 30-year-old debate, and the answer is: Oswald, alone.

Posner actually re-indexed the 26-volume Warren Commission testimony and House Select Committee report to work with them. His new data includes computer/laser enhancements of the Zapruder film; "lost" Jim Garrison prosecution documents and disclosures from former House committee staffers. He says it's time to stop "chasing shadows on the grassy knoll."